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Police were at Sir George Cartier Public School (695 Chiddington Ave.) for several hours on Thursday after a student reported being assaulted on the playground. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

'Code red' called at public school

Police manhunt. Girl reports masked man assaulted her on playground

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There were tears outside an elementary school on Thursday as panicked parents dashed to pick up their children amid a "code red" lockdown.

The principal at Sir George Cartier Public School made a 911 call at about 11:30 a.m. after a 12-year-old girl told staff she had been assaulted by a masked man on the playground. She was not injured.

Parents headed to the Chiddington Avenue school to take their children home, and some said they were unhappy to have learned about the shocking incident from news reports, social media or text messages.

Luli Xhuti, who has two daughters at the school, found out when one of the girls texted her. "When she text-messaged me to say, 'Come pick me up,' I was scared, very scared," Xhuti said, wiping away tears.

Fellow parent Doug Day said: "I got a text message from my son. He used his friend's phone. I have no idea what's going on," he added.

Karen Dalton, executive superintendent of operations for the Thames Valley District School Board, said the school followed correct procedure and would be sending notes home with the children at the end of the day. She also praised the student who made the report for "doing everything right."

The girl immediately ran to tell another student what had happened. That student told an adult, who took both children to the principal.

The principal declared "code red" — meaning a lockdown — and the school was searched. Children were kept inside unless an adult came to take them home.

Const. Chris Stumpf said police were canvassing the area, and forensics specialists along with the criminal investigation section were at the scene. Officers remained at the school to reassure students and staff.

Whom to contact

- The suspect is described as a man, five-feet-two and muscular. He has brown eyes and was wearing black cargo pants, tall black boots, black gloves and a grey sweater. He was last seen running east toward Wellington Road.
- Call police at 519-661-5670, or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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Call cops, Crime Stoppers

Tips sought in attempted break-in

London police are asking for the public's help in identifying four men who tried to force their way into a Wellington Street home near South Street.

Police say the incident happened at about 10:40 p.m. March 30. One of the men is believed to have been carrying a gun.

The suspects are described as black, ranging in age from 20 to 35. METRO

Charged. Woman accused of seeking teenagers for erotic massage work

A 23-year-old woman is facing multiple charges after police say she posted a classified ad online trying to hire teens as workers at an erotic massage business.

The advertisement targeted people 14 to 18 years old, police say. Investigators received a complaint about the ad in April.

Katrina Finnamore was charged Wednesday after officers searched a home on Southdale Road East.

Finnamore is charged with:

— Attempting to procure a person to be a prostitute, two counts.

—Telecommunication with a person believed to be under 18 for a criminal purpose, four counts.

— Attempting to obtain for consideration the sexual services of a person under 18, two counts. METRO

Stabbing victim collapses on street

Pair arrested. Police say incident started as domestic dispute

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A woman was arrested Thursday after a man ran bleeding from a SoHo house.

The victim managed to dial 911 before he collapsed at Simcoe and Waterloo streets, leaving a trail of blood down the sidewalk and bloodstains on the corner.

The man — whom police said is in his 20s — was taken to hospital in an ambulance as red and blue lights filled the street. Several people came out of their houses to watch.

At least nine police cars were at the scene, which was cordoned off to preserve the blood trail from a Waterloo Street house.

Two people — a man and woman — were arrested and the victim's injuries were described by police Sgt. Jeff Addley as "serious but not life-threatening."

"Police received a 911 call in relation to a male reporting that he himself had been stabbed," Addley said at the scene Thursday afternoon. "We attended the scene and located a male with injuries.

"The investigation is continuing."

Details about those arrested have not been released.

Neighbours said the building from which at least one of the suspects was led contains several apartments.

Police lead a handcuffed woman away from the scene of a Thursday afternoon stabbing near Simcoe and Waterloo streets. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

Charity car wash

Where dreams come true

London firefighters will run their annual Dreams Take Flight Car Wash from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the central fire station (400 Horton St. E.)

Each $5 car wash will help cover the cost of Disney trips for kids who otherwise wouldn't be able to go.

Everyone who has their car washed will be entered into a draw for a ride along with the fire department and car-care products.

The rain date is June 22. METRO

Architecture

Fanshawe student gets national nod

Fanshawe College student Becky De Kleyn has won the 2013 gold medal for architectural technology and design in the Skills Canada National Competition.

She won a bronze medal at the competition last year.

De Kleyn also won "best in region," an award given to the competitor who wins by the largest margin compared to peers.

The competition was held earlier this month in Vancouver. METRO

Past and present

Chamber's book boasts London pride

The London Chamber of Commerce has joined forces with landscape photographer Richard Bain and Binea Press for a book featuring the city.

Titled Our London, the book highlights the very best of London's history and what's happening today.

The book, set for an official launch June 26, features several local businesses

Contact the chamber for details. METRO

Relocation

Old East BIA hitting the road

The Old East Village BIA office is moving.

The association was closed this week and will reopen June 17 at its new location in the Western Fair District administration building (316 Rectory St.).

Despite the move, the association's telephone number and mailing address will remain the same. METRO

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Back-and-forth. Neighbourhood Watch under fire from volunteers

Months of tension bubbled over Thursday night as a crowd packed a board meeting at Neighbourhood Watch London's offices.

In an angry and at times chaotic encounter, the board of directors suspended the regular-meeting agenda and took questions from people.

Some 28 of those people were Neighbourhood Watch area co-ordinators, and some had called for board members to resign at another charged event last week.

There, they cited a bevy of problems with the board, including disorganization and failure to adhere to the bylaws of the non-profit, which receives about $96,000 a year from city coffers.

The allegations did not emerge in detail Thursday, despite much quoting of bylaws and questions about paperwork.

A sign marks an area as one where Neighbourhood Watch is active. MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

The meeting followed the resignation of employee Simon Pont. The organization's executive director has taken sick leave, a volunteer said earlier in the day.

There were also reports Thursday night that some board members have resigned.

When asked how many board members remained, past chair Rod Refcio didn't give an exact number.

"Seven or eight approximately," he said.

He also warned everyone present that financial allegations would be "serious and should not be made lightly."

Refcio did most of the talking, despite repeated requests from the floor for board president Chris Olech to field questions.

The questions included those about the non-profit's procedures, including whether financial records were available at the annual general meeting.

Olech said they were not.

Refcio also appealed for people to come forward and join the board.

Four raised their hands, but one said she was "nervous" about joining.

Refcio replied: "What you're allegating (sic) is offensive to me." MIKE DONACHIE/METRO

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People stream out of the London VIA Rail station on Thursday afternoon after getting off a train from Toronto. Midday routes will be among those cut during a Canadian Auto Workers strike, VIA has said. KEVIN HURREN/FOR METRO

Contract talks between VIA and union power down

Friday strike? Union says proposal for pensions, other matters came too late

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Adil Khan's plans have been derailed.

The London post-secondary student typically relies on VIA trains to get to and from his hometown.

But, as unionized VIA employees prepared for a Friday strike, Khan had already cancelled his rail ticket.

"It was an inconvenience for me, and I guess I'm going to have to take Greyhound now," he said Thursday.

The impact

- While bus trips could see a spike during a VIA strike, taxi drivers are worried about the bottom line.
- Cabbies typically line the front of London's VIA station waiting for trains to arrive.

The Canadian Auto Workers and VIA have been in contract talks since last fall. The union authorized strike action earlier this month if a deal wasn't reached by midnight June 14.

Sealing a last-minute deal didn't seem possible by Thursday afternoon.

Both sides said progress was being made earlier in the week, but, the union said Thursday, VIA's proposal for pensions and wages threw talks off course.

The proposal — which would raise employees' pension contributions and kill severance packages for temporary employees — was handed to the union at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, said Brian Stevens, a national rep for CAW.

"Dollars that you're currently earning would now be redirected," he said about the pension changes.

"At first you think there is nothing wrong with VIA's plan, but once you start peeling back the layers … they've got deep, deep concessions buried inside those proposals," he said.

The strike, affecting about 2,000 workers who handle everything from maintenance to ticket sales, will force VIA to reduce schedules.

Rail officials have said most midday trains and some weekend routes will be cut.

Quoted

"They've got deep, deep concessions buried inside those proposals."
Brian Stevens, National Canadian Auto Workers rep

Elementary teachers, province agree to contract

After a school year plagued by labour unrest, the union representing public elementary teachers reached a tentative agreement with the Ontario government on Thursday that freezes wages, but guarantees a two per cent raise starting next year.

Members of the Elementary Teachers' Federation are paid two per cent less than teachers in the French and Roman Catholic school systems, a situation that will be fixed before the next round of bargaining, Education Minister Liz Sandals said.

The extra money will cost the province $112 million a year on top of whatever raises the union negotiates next time.

Teachers

76,000
Number of public elementary teachers in Ontario

ETFO president Sam Hammond was pleased his members would get equal pay with the other teachers starting next year.

"Nothing could be more inequitable than having our members paid less than teachers in the same profession providing the same quality of education for students," he said.

The new tentative deal mirrors agreements with public high-school teachers, freezes the wages of most elementary educators, but still allows younger teachers to move up the salary grid.

Teachers will take at least one unpaid day off during the course of the contract to help offset the cost of allowing raises for their younger colleagues, Sandals said.

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Peaceful Schools Int'l

Parkview to mark peaceful anniversary

Students at Parkview Public School will mark a decade of promoting peace on Friday. The Komoka school was the first in Ontario — and the 15th in the world — to become a member of the Peaceful Schools International 10 years ago.

Since then, the school has worked lessons about peace into lesson plans and become a place that encourages collaborative decision-making.

The Friday celebration will mark achievements made through 37 outreach projects. METRO

Western. University grads turn assignments into book on aboriginal education

While some students plan to burn their class assignments after leaving school, a group of Western graduates took a different route.

Coming out of Western University's faculty of education, 12 students have compiled their research projects and published a book.

Titled Woven Words for Indigenous Education, the book is a collection of essays and assignments the students completed as part of their master's degrees, which have a special focus on leadership in aboriginal studies.

The launch

Directly following their convocation, a book launch will be hosted by the students at 12 p.m. in the Western Student Services Building.

The specialty program is offered in partnership with the Kettle and Stony Point First Nation near Grand Bend. The newest graduates are the second group to have studied with the aboriginal focus. KEVIN HURREN/FOR METRO

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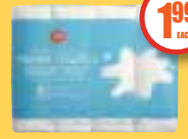

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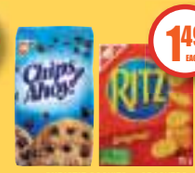

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St. Joe's report. Hospital income boost cuts cancer surgery wait times in half

St. Joseph's Health Care posted a surplus in 2012 and saw wait times for cancer surgeries cut in half.

The surplus was due largely to investment income that came in at $3.9 million, according to an annual report released Thursday.

"Considering this result was achieved during a year of major hospital funding reform, this is a remarkable achievement," board treasurer Scott Playe said in a statement.

Officials highlighted the reduced cancer surgery wait times as one of the year's biggest success stories.

In 2009-10, 90 per cent of cancer surgeries were completed within 126 days, the report says. Last year, the same 90 per cent were being completed in 55 days — 29 days less than the hospital's target.

The report also noted the hospital was able to surpass its influenza vaccination targets for staff and physicians.

The goal was a 55 per cent vaccination rate overall. The numbers came in about 56 per cent for staff and about 82 per cent for physicians. **MARK SPOWART/METRO**

A healthy figure

$3.6m

St. Joseph's Hospital surplus for fiscal 2012.

Source: Hospital annual report

International Quilt Festival. Stitching up a taste of the world

Even if quilting isn't really your thing, the London International Quilt Festival has you covered.

Built around the theme Out of Africa, the festival features about 200 quilts for countries across the continent. That means, there's a bit of culture mixed into every stitch.

Each piece represents the diversity and "spirit of the country in which they come from," said organizer Garnet Smalley.

Smalley and his wife started the annual show in 2007 after being inspired by a woman who stopped in their quilting shop with pictures of works done in Russia.

The show has featured quilts from different countries each year.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

If you go

- **The London International Quilt Festival continues from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Hilton (300 King St.).**

Liam Hepburn, right, demonstrates some of the techniques he's learned through the new Kids Kicking Cancer program at Children's Hospital of Southwestern Ontario. Money for the program came from pro hockey player Brandon Prust's foundation. MARK SPOWART/METRO

NHLer helps kids cope with cancer treatment

Kids Kicking Cancer. Program aims to help player's young fans deal with the challenges chemotherapy brings

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On the ice, NHLer Brandon Prust is known as a gritty, determined player.

His strength, however, may not come close to that of the kids he's met at the Children's Hospital of Southwestern Ontario.

When he played for the London Knights, Prust spent many hours touring the hospital, talking to and getting to know the kids fighting cancer and other diseases.

Somewhere, at some point, Prust, a London native, dedicated himself to finding a way to help.

Now, through his foundation, Prusty4Kids, he's bringing the martial arts program Kids Kicking Cancer to Canada. The program will be based out of Children's Hospital.

The program aims to help Prust's young fans deal with the pain they experience during treatment.

"(Kids Kicking Cancer) is basically the whole point of my charity," said Prust who raised $129,888 during his inaugural golf tournament last year.

The program teaches kids breathing and meditation techniques to help them through chemotherapy and other cancer treatments.

For Liam Hepburn, who first met Prust a number of years ago, the techniques are a huge help. "I thought it would help a lot for when I get my needles," said Hepburn. "I thought it would help make them not hurt as much, and it does. It really helps a lot."

Liam's father, Chris, has nothing but praise for the program and Prust's efforts to help his son.

At a glance

- **Origins.** Kids Kicking Cancer was founded by Elimelech Goldberg, a Detroit rabbi.
- **Welcome Canada.** The program has been operating in four countries for several years. Canada recently became the fifth.
- **Inspiration.** Goldberg was inspired after watching a young boy struggle through a chemotherapy session.

Municipal workers clean up graffiti in Istanbul's Taksim Square on Thursday. Turkey's government this week proposed a referendum on a development project in Istanbul that triggered demonstrations that have become the biggest challenge to Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan's tenure. THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Turkish PM demands an end to occupation of park

Protest. But Erdogan agrees to meet with protesters in a sign he might negotiate

Turkey's prime minister issued a "final warning" to protesters on Thursday, demanding they end their occupation of a park next to Istanbul's Taksim Square that has ignited the largest political crisis of his 10-year rule.

Despite the ultimatum by Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, thousands of activists camping out in Gezi Park dug in for a potential culmination of their two-week standoff with authorities.

A violent police crackdown May 31 on a small sit-in to protect trees in Gezi Park sparked the protests that spread to dozens of cities. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peace over violence?

- Erdogan was to meet late Thursday night with representatives of the protesters, including Taksim Solidarity. But that group does not speak for the thousands of protesters camping out in the park, so even if a deal is reached the sit-in may not end.

Czech Republic

Cops raid PM's office building, arrest senior aide

The anti-organized crime unit in the Czech Republic has carried out raids at the Office of the Government, where Prime Minister Petr Necas is based, and at the Defence Ministry and other places across the country, police said on Thursday.

In comments to journalists, Necas confirmed that Jana Nagyova, the director of his office, was among those arrested. He said he would stand by her.

"At the moment, I have no information that would prove any criminal activity of my collaborators," Necas said.

Police spokesman Pavel Hantak declined to identify any of those arrested.

Necas called on the police and prosecutors to "immediately give reasons for such a massive action."

The Social Democrats, the main opposition party, called for Necas to resign. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russia. Putin considers dispute with U.S. over manuscripts to be done

Russian President Vladimir Putin says he considers a dispute with the United States over an archive of Jewish manuscripts to be a dead issue.

A U.S. judge in January ordered that Russia pay $50,000 a day until it turns over the so-called Schneerson Collection of books and documents to Chabad Lubavitch, a Hasidic movement headquartered in Brooklyn, N.Y.

But Russia claims the collection is state property. On Thursday, Putin said he considers "the question of the Schneerson library to be closed." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Daily fine

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A U.S. judge in January ordered that Russia pay $50,000 a day until it turns over the so-called Schneerson Collection.

Russian President Vladimir Putin visits the library of the Schneerson family in the Jewish Museum in Moscow, Thursday. The collection is the focus of a dispute between Moscow and Washington. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Report: Police probed Rob Ford video weeks before story broke

Project Traveller. Toronto's police chief refuses to rule out possibility evidence collected in raid related to mayor

Toronto Police using surveillance techniques were "investigating the existence" of an alleged crack cocaine video linked to Mayor Rob Ford several weeks before the story first surfaced, CTV News reported Thursday in the wake of a massive, multi-city police drugs and guns sweep.

The broadcaster quoted a "highly placed source" as confirming that "persons of interest discussed that video in detail, and referred to the mayor's alleged presence in the video."

The disclosure came as Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair announced 43 people had been arrested, 40 firearms seized and $3 million of drugs confiscated in early-morning raids concentrated on a Dixon Road complex, a cluster of apartment towers considered to be ground zero for the Ford video scandal.

Nineteen people in Toronto and nine in Windsor were charged as part of a year-long police and border security investigation code-named Project Traveller, Blair said at a noon news conference.

He declined to answer any questions about Ford's connection to the evidence, what evidence was seized, how it was obtained or about a Rexdale home involved in the raids where a man photographed with Ford lived.

"The only place for the legal disclosure is in a court of law," he said. "All of the evidence has been secured and it will come out in court where it belongs. We will not jeopardize this case."

The Rexdale home of Muhammad Khattak, one of the young men pictured with Ford outside a suspected crack house, was part of the raids.

Sources earlier told Torstar that Ford had told staff he knew exactly where the video, which appeared to show him smoking crack cocaine, could be found: 1701 and 1703 at a Dixon Road apartment complex that was the target of the pre-dawn raids.

The mayor has said publicly that he doesn't believe the video exists.

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A man is arrested after police raided the apartments at 390 Kingsview in Toronto on Thursday morning. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Early-morning raids

'Complex' sweep extends to Edmonton

"Project Traveller is a very complex investigation" involving a gang called the Dixon City Bloods or Dixon Goonies that attempted to control guns and drug trafficking in Toronto's Dixon Road, Kipling Avenue and Islington Avenue area, Toronto Deputy Police Chief Mark Saunders said at a news conference Thursday. Their network extended to Edmonton and had operated since 2006, he said.

Edmonton police confirmed that officers executed search warrants Thursday morning, but would not say where or if anyone was arrested.

A spokesperson for the Edmonton police said that the investigation is being led by the Toronto Police Service and that officers in Edmonton were only assisting.

Police carry bags of goods seized from the house of Muhammed Khattak, the third person seen in a famous photograph with Mayor Rob Ford, outside of 15 Windsor Rd. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Report. Defence minister issued secret instructions to eavesdropping agency

Defence Minister Peter MacKay quietly issued new instructions to Canada's electronic eavesdropping agency that detail how and when it can help CSIS and the RCMP investigate Canadians, records show.

Briefing notes obtained under the Access to Information Act say the directive to the Ottawa-based Communications Security Establishment was one of seven such ministerial instructions issued in 2011.

The CSE monitors foreign computer, satellite, radio and telephone traffic to zero in on threats to Canada and gather intelligence. It is not supposed to direct its activities at Canadians. However, the agency can provide assistance to the Mounties and CSIS, Canada's domestic spy service.

For instance, the CSE says it may assist with the decryption of emails or other files that these organizations have collected. It can also provide advice, training and equipment.

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Peter MacKay
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Terrorism

Toews: Canada still a 'priority target' for al-Qaida

Al-Qaida remains Canada's biggest terrorist threat even though the group has weakened in recent years, Public Safety Minister Vic Toews said Thursday.

"Global violent extremist groups, such as al-Qaida, have been the leading terrorist threat to Canada for many years; this has not changed," Toews said. "Canada is still a priority target."

In total, 36 Canadians have died in terrorist attacks since 2001, all in other countries, according to the report, which identifies homegrown extremism as a key threat to Canadian security. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Questions raised over Alberta spill

Big impact. First Nations community concerned over effect on environment

Big spill

- The spill covered 42 hectares of land.
- One spill last June near Sundre fouled the Red Deer River after about 475,000 litres of oil spilled.

A First Nation wants answers from a Texas-based oil company after a pipeline spilled 9.5 million litres of industrial waste water in northern Alberta.

Dene Tha' leaders are to meet Monday with Apache Canada Ltd. officials in the remote community of Assumption. Sidney Chambaud, a band councillor, said they want more information about what happened and what the company is going to do about it.

"There are wildlife impacts and water and land impacts," Chambaud said in an interview Thursday.

"Right now within that area the trees, the vegetation and the soil are dead. The water is contaminated."

The Energy Resources Conservation Board has said the spill of water containing salt, oil and minerals was first reported on June 1, but the board didn't learn about its size until Tuesday. Chambaud said the 42-hectare spill is so large it raises questions about how long the pipeline that carries water used in oil and natural-gas operations had been leaking. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Deadly blast shakes Louisiana

A ground-rattling explosion Thursday at a chemical plant in Louisiana ignited a fire that killed at least one person and injured dozens of others, authorities said. Louisiana's health department said 73 people were treated at hospitals for injuries ranging from minor to critical following the Thursday morning explosion. State police Capt. Doug Cain said a body was found by hazardous materials crews going through the aftermath of the blast at the facility owned by The Williams Companies Inc., based in Tulsa, Okla. RYAN MEADOR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Contained

Crews start cleanup work on B.C. oil spill

Oil spill response teams were at work Thursday containing and cleaning up a spill of light crude from Kinder Morgan's Trans-Mountain pipeline in the B.C. Interior, just weeks after the company officially filed plans for a controversial expansion of the line.

The National Energy Board said initial estimates were that the spill was small, and the public and the environment were not at risk.

The energy watchdog said it doesn't yet know the size of the leak, which took place on Crown land. Calgary-based Kinder Morgan says only about two cubic metres, or 12 barrels, of light crude was detected. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Going somewhere?

Mulcair apologizes for failing to stop at security checkpoint

To hear it told in the House of Commons, NDP Leader Tom Mulcair's minor run-in with the RCMP on Parliament Hill on Thursday could have been a scene from the latest Fast and Furious flick. The Opposition leader was forced to apologize after breezing through a security checkpoint and apparently failing to stop until halted by the Mounties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair
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India. Suspected rebels kill 3 in attack on train

Dozens of suspected Maoist rebels fired at a passenger train passing through their stronghold in eastern India on Thursday, killing three people and injuring two others, police said.

About 100 attackers surrounded the train carrying 1,500 people near Jamui, a small town in Bihar state, police said. One of the two drivers stopped the train on seeing the suspected rebels and fled, an officer said.

The dead were a security guard and two passengers. The other train driver suffered bullet wounds.

The attackers fled into a forested area after security guards on the train fired back. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Maoists

- The rebels operate in 20 of India's 28 states, have thousands of fighters, and claim inspiration from Chinese revolutionary leader Mao Zedong.
- They have been fighting for more than 40 years, demanding land and jobs for impoverished tribal communities they say are ignored by the government.

UN report

Squeeze in — world's population growing

The United Nations forecast Thursday that the world's population will increase from 7.2 billion today to 8.1 billion in 2025, with most growth in developing countries and more than half in Africa. By 2050, it will reach 9.6 billion.

India's population is expected to surpass China's around 2028 when both will have around 1.45 billion, the World Population Prospects report said. China's population is expected to start decreasing after 2030, possibly falling to 1.1 billion in 2100. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

More Afghan kids becoming casualties of war: UNICEF

Taliban blamed.
Figures show 56% of child deaths caused by insurgents and 14% by security forces

An Afghan family travels in the trunk of a car on the outskirts of Kabul on Thursday. AHMAD JAMSHID/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

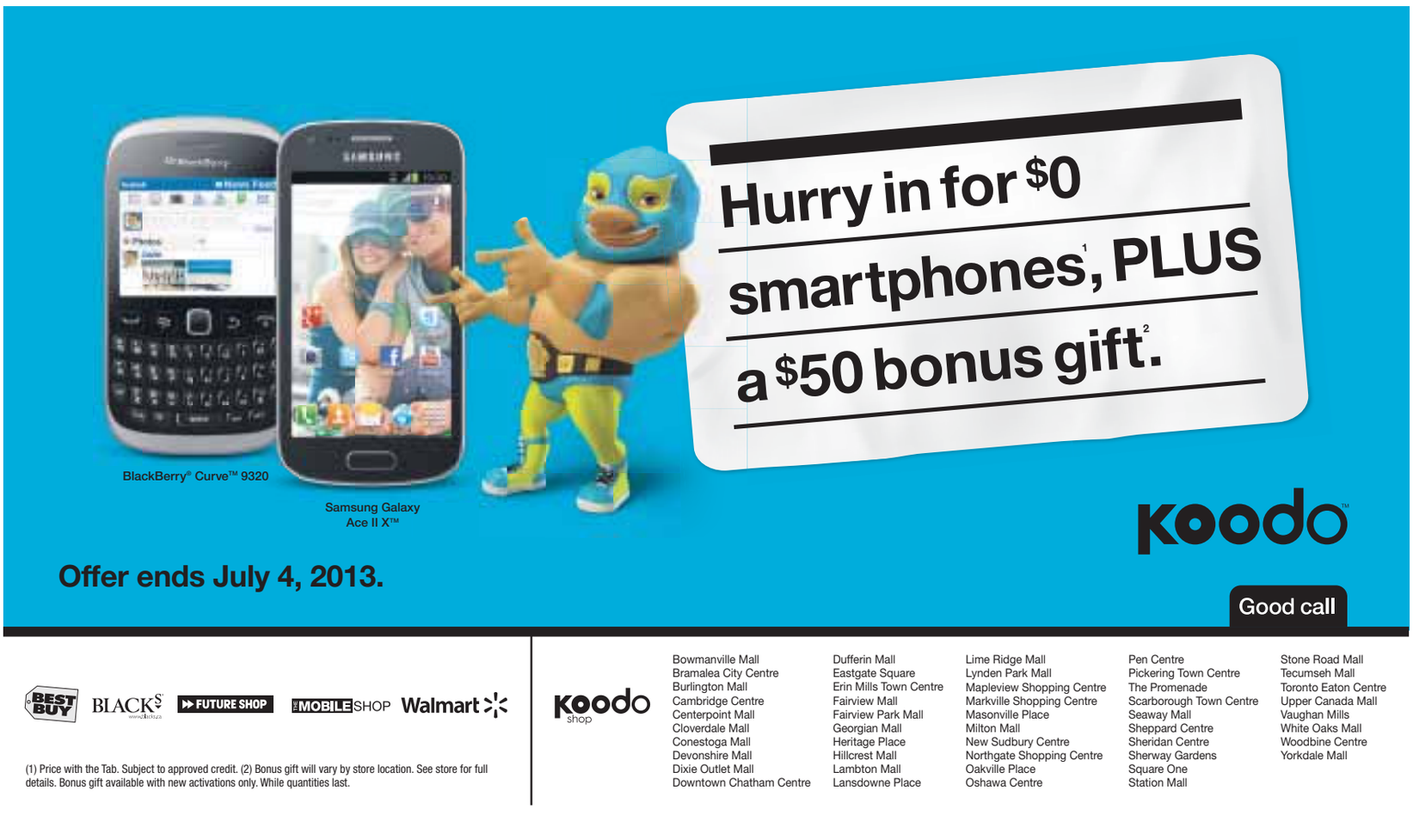
The number of children killed and injured in Afghanistan's war has risen sharply this year, the UN Children's Fund said, calling the trend "unacceptable" and "very worrying."

At least 414 children were killed or injured in the first four months of this year, up 27 per cent over the same period the previous year, UNICEF said.

Of those, 121 children were killed and 293 were injured through April 30, UNICEF said in figures released Thursday. Roadside bombs and suicide attacks accounted for the largest number of casualties — 37 per cent — and the UN has particularly criticized the Taliban's use of indiscriminate weapons triggered by victims' stepping on or driving over a pressure plate as a possible war crime.

Violence is increasing overall in Afghanistan as the Taliban and other militants press an intense offensive against government targets as international troops hand over security to Afghans. The escalating attacks have caused civilian casualties to soar, including children.

Last week alone, a suicide attack near a school in the eastern province of Paktia killed nine children and wounded seven others, and a father and three children died when their vehicle hit a roadside bomb. And on June 6, an airstrike by military forces killed three children and injured seven in Kunar province. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Firms can't patent isolated human genes, U.S. high court rules

Washington. Decision covers breast-cancer test brought into public eye by Angelina Jolie's double mastectomy

The U.S. Supreme Court has rule companies cannot patent parts of naturally-occurring human genes, a decision with the potential to profoundly affect the emerging and lucrative medical and biotechnology industries.

The high court's unanimous judgment reverses three decades of patent awards by government officials. It throws out patents held by Salt Lake City-based Myriad Genetics Inc. on an increasingly popular breast cancer test brought into the public eye recently by actress Angelina Jolie's revelation that she had a double mastectomy because of one of the genes involved in this case.

Justice Clarence Thomas, who wrote the court's decision, said that Myriad's assertion — that the DNA it isolated from the body for its proprietary breast and ovarian cancer tests were patentable — had to be dismissed because it violates patent rules. The court has said that laws of nature, natural phenomena and abstract ideas are not patentable.

However, the court gave Myriad a partial victory, ruling that while naturally-occurring DNA was not patentable, synthetically-created DNA could be patented. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BRACAnalysis test

- Myriad Genetics has used its patent to come up with its BRACAnalysis test, which looks for mutations on the breast cancer predisposition gene, or BRCA. Those mutations are associated with much greater risks of breast and ovarian cancer.
- Angelina Jolie revealed last month that her mother died of ovarian cancer and that her maternal grandmother also had the disease.
- She said she carries a defective BRCA1 gene that puts her at high risk of developing breast and ovarian cancers, and her doctor said that the test that turned up the faulty gene link led Jolie to have both of her healthy breasts removed to try to avoid the same fate.

T. rex burger is now extinct

A fast-food restaurant in Manitoba has backtracked on its offer to make customers a burger fit for Fred Flintstone. Barb Barker, an administrative assistant for the Wendy's outlet in Brandon, said they have stopped selling their T. rex burger, consisting of nine quarter-pound patties held together by nine pieces of processed cheese and a flimsy bun. "For obvious reasons, Wendy's of Brandon neither condones nor promotes the idea of anyone consuming a nine-patty hamburger in one sitting," said Barker. REDDIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

2013 forecast

Google predicted to generate $8.9B from mobile ads

Google will sell more mobile advertising than the rest of its rivals combined for the second straight year, according to a new forecast by research firm eMarketer. The report projects Google will generate nearly $8.9 billion US in mobile ad revenue throughout the world this year, after paying commissions to its ad partners. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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News Corp.

Rupert Murdoch files for divorce

News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch has filed for divorce from Wendi Deng Murdoch, his wife since 1999, citing a breakdown in the relationship. The matter doesn't alter the succession plan for the media company, which the 82-year-old founder controls through a family trust.

Murdoch filed a one-page document Thursday indicating that he was opening a divorce case in New York State Supreme Court in Manhattan. The couple are parents to two daughters, Grace and Chloe, ages 11 and 9. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News Corp. CEO Rupert Murdoch and wife Wendi Deng have filed for divorce. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Pity the fool. Austrian hotel looks to hire jester

Wanted: A jester. Wallflowers need not apply. It's no joke. An Austrian hotel is advertising for a modern-day court fool who is communicative, extroverted, musical, creative and imaginative.

Applicants are asked to play their musical instrument during the job interview. Also welcome: Creative costumes. The successful candidate will earn about $1,900 a month.

Hotel director Melanie Franke says the idea is to treat guests like royalty, noting that "jesters were a luxury that royal families indulged themselves in." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Colourful digs

- The Rogner Bad Blumau hotel in Austria's Styria province was designed by famed Austrian artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser and hotel director Melanie Franke says the jester concept fits its colourful appearance.

Unpaid internships up in the air after court finds studio violated wage laws

Unpaid internships have long been a path of opportunity for students and recent grads looking to get a foot in the door in the entertainment, publishing and other prominent industries, even if it takes a generous subsidy from mom and dad.

But those days of working for free could be numbered in the U.S. after a federal judge in New York ruled this week that Fox Searchlight Pictures violated minimum wage and overtime laws by not paying interns who worked on the production of the 2010 movie Black Swan.

The decision by U.S. District Judge William H. Pauley III may lead some companies to rethink whether it's worth the legal risk to hire interns to work without pay. For many young people struggling to find jobs in a tough economy, unpaid internships have become a rite of passage essential for padding resumes and gaining practical experience. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"I'm sure this is causing a lot of discussions to be held in human resource offices and internship programs across the country." David Yamada, professor of law at Suffolk University in Boston

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YOU HAVE TO BE KIDNEY-ING ME

THE METRO LIST

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1 WWDC. Apple unveiled its latest products at the 2013 Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) in San Francisco this week. The best line of the conference came from Apple marketing exec Phil Schiller. After unveiling the radically redesigned Mac Pro, he said, "Can't innovate anymore, my a--." Great mantra.

2 @HillaryClinton. The former secretary of state unlocked her Twitter account this week, and her Twitter bio lists herself, among other things, as "hair icon," "pantsuit aficionado," "glass ceiling cracker" and "TBD." Now most have a sneaking suspicion that "TBD" means a 2016 presidential bid? In due time, she'll probably make it official. With a tweet.

3 Facebook #hashtags. Now that Facebook has begun to roll out clickable, searchable hashtags (à la Twitter and Instagram) to help users better find content on the social platform, it somehow feels that hashtags have hit their tipping point. #Soon, #we'll #be #using #them #in #every #sentence #we #write. #And #in #everyday #conversation.

4 Covet Garden. This indie Canadian online decor magazine is using the crowd-funding site Indiegogo to help raise money to do a special print issue, Covet Garden Home. Their goal is $18K, and they've raised about $14K with three weeks left in the campaign. Ingenuity is the key in this economy for startups, and this is another great example of using social media to make a dream happen. Now.

5 Twerking. This latest dancing craze (Harlem Shake is so last month) got another huge shake this week when Miley Cyrus (rumoured new Justin Bieber squeeze) wiggled her hips and butt in the bouncy, up and down motion on stage at Juicy J concert. I would twerk for you, but it would totally ruin your day — and this latest online meme sensation.

6 Nadal's dramatic win. Rafael Nadal won a record-setting eighth French Open title Sunday. The only thing that almost prevented him from winning wasn't his opponent David Ferrer, but a shirtless protester with a white mask holding a lighted flare who jumped out of the stands and interrupted the match. Nadal was briefly rattled but went on to win in straight sets.

7 Real Housewives of Vancouver. The first Canadian version of the hit American franchise made it through two seasons, but won't have a third as Slice Canada has put it on hiatus. One of the problems might have been that the super-rich wives weren't superficial or plastic or vapid enough for viewers compared to their American ilk. Which is saying a lot.

8 Taylor Swift. The teeny-bopper sensation is in Toronto Friday and Saturday to begin the Canadian leg of the Red Tour, before heading west for Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver. Now my wife and daughters will be hitting one of the T.O. shows, but I couldn't bear the thought of singing along to We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together with thousands of tweens.

9 Craigslist. It's known for local classifieds and jobs ads, but sometimes gets wackier. Like this week when a 23-year-old man from Cobourg, Ont., advertised his kidney there. "You can have the left or right, they both work perfectly. I'm in shape and quit smoking a year ago. I'm being more than serious about this, asking $20,000... THIS IS 100% SERIOUS !!!" Enough said.

10 Fired over Skype. The Edmonton Oilers announced Dallas Eakins as their new head coach this week (great hire), but handled the firing of their former coach in a rather odd way. While vacationing in Switzerland, Ralph Krueger was sacked over Skype by GM Craig MacTavish. At least it wasn't by a Facebook wall post.

11 Bowie. The Art Gallery of Ontario made the epic announcement that the exhibition David Bowie will arrive there this fall straight from London's Victoria and Albert Museum. It includes the icon's original stage costumes, instruments, album art, handwritten set lists and lyrics, and more. I already have the opening day, Sept. 25, marked on my calendar.

12 The Purge. This low-budget horror film — it cost about $3 million to make — starring Ethan Hawke, demolished everything else at the box office, taking in $36.4 million. Most of it was filmed in a house. I have a great idea for an indie horror to be shot in the outhouse at my in-laws cottage. All I need is $1.5 million, a camera, a flashlight, a bear and some toilet paper.

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ZOOM

Nature's synchronized swimming

MARK VAN COLLER/SOLENT

Impromptu diving show impresses

These dolphins are showing off a new cross-discipline sport: Surfing-meets-synchronized diving.

The pod of 30 bottlenose dolphins were spotted jumping out of the back of breaking waves that rolled into the coast. Photographer Mark van Coller took the shot on the east coast of South Africa, near Port St. Johns. METRO

Q and A

Surf's up, dolphins

MARK VAN COLLER

How did you capture this?
It was sardine season on the east coast, so many predatory marine animals were in the region hunting. Myself and five others took a boat out to witness the animals in motion.

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Since we're halfway through the year, many of you have likely abandoned those pesky New Year's resolutions. Was one of them to learn a new language? Give it another shot with an assist from these three.

Beginners' Chinese

You don't need to be an Economist subscriber to know that understanding Chinese could be helpful down the road. This iTunes podcast eases you into Mandarin with standard classroom fare like greetings, introductions and restaurant ordering.

ESL Pod

Canada is a nation enriched by immigration, and those arriving here with a very basic grasp of English would be very well-served by the wide variety of language and cultural lessons available here. (eslpod.com)

American Sign Language

Get animated with a full slate of lessons that will equip you with the gestures required to speak to the hearing-impaired. This is likely the one language we've all wished to learn at some point. (lifeprint.com/asl101)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Metro writer @John_Mazerolle has new Heritage Minute ideas. What parts of our history merit airtime?

@ZedSprinkles: This news is 8 months old (but still funny)

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Synopsis

The story begins on Krypton, as all good Superman origin stories must. To save his son Kal-El from perishing on the doomed planet, Jor-El (Russell Crowe) rockets him off to a safe haven — Earth. There he is raised by Ma and Pa Kent, (Diane Lane and Kevin Costner), humble farmers who raise Clark Kent (Henry Cavill) as their own and keep his alien heritage a secret, but his extraordinary powers are exposed when a snoopy reporter (Amy Adams) digs into his life and the last surviving Kryptonians, led by General Zod (Michael Shannon) try and invade the planet.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●○○○

Henry Cavill is sufficiently square-jawed and blue-eyed to play Superman, but Amy Adams lacks the pluck of Lois Lane. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Up, up and ... it's OK

Man of Steel.

Superman origin story has too much bang and not enough phone booths

Richard: Mark, Man of Steel plays kind of like a Nirvana song. It starts off quiet, then gets loud, then quiet again and then REALLY loud. Thing is Nirvana songs were usually under four minutes and this movie clocks in at well over two hours. Much of it is entertaining, but I have to say my eyeballs felt scorched after the protracted blow-'em-up scene that eats up much of the last 45 minutes of the movie. It's all crash-boom-bang and not nearly as interesting as the stuff that preceded it.

Mark: Richard, I always liked the Superman movies — even the bad ones — for their charm. Although there's some good scenes toward the beginning of the movie, it becomes bombastic and self-righteous; way too serious for its own good. That 45-minute scene you're referring to made me long for headphones with Enya songs playing on a long loop. And I know it's an origin movie, but I longed for the comic contrast between Superman and his journalist alter ego Clark Kent, which is mostly missing from the movie. Then again, we no longer have phone booths. Any of the actors appeal to you, Richard?

RC: I thought Cavill was suitably square-jawed and blue-eyed enough to play the icon lead character and Michael Shannon brought the crazy (as usual for him) to Zod, but I was let down by two other leads. Russell Crowe was fine, although I couldn't help but imagine Ralph Fiennes really eating up the role of Jor-El. Finally, I'm not sure Amy Adams is plucky enough to play Lois Lane.

MB: Cavill was square — I mean — square-jawed, wasn't he? Crowe was fine, but somehow Kevin Costner got to me in a very sentimental turn as Clark's dad. As for Michael Shannon, I can only assume he was forced to overact at gunpoint, with lines like "Unleash the world machine!!!!" For a movie that cost a few hundred million dollars, it was often close to a Flash Gordon serial at times.

RC: I think I wanted more Flash Gordon and less of what was on the screen in front of me. It's an entertaining movie for much of its running time, but the word overkill comes to mind. I feel like less — shorter running time, fewer explosions, not as many fights — would have been more.

MB: And did you notice that so many of the action scenes had the same basic gimmick — concrete being torn up over and over again? And I had to laugh when the entire city of Metropolis is collapsing under alien attack and there are scenes of people just staring at the buildings falling around them. If I see one brick on the ground, I'm outta there!

Have superheroes gone soft?

Chris Hardwick, creator of the Nerdist podcast and YouTube channel, explains to us why Superman has to be more human nowadays

"We've definitely become more of a culture of wanting to identify with characters rather than wanting to see characters that we couldn't be. It's not just movies and superheroes. When you look at protagonists in television, they're kind of crappy people. There's Don Draper or Dexter or Walter White. They're not good or bad — they're muddy.

What you see coming out now — after the era of '90s superhero movies — is sort of like the transition between glam rock and grunge, where you have the square-jawed heroes being phased out. They're kind of one-dimensional, there's not really much of an arc, they're just there to facilitate all of the action and just sort of be the opposing force to evil. But

I have so many feelings: Superman. HANDOUT

now people want to see more humanity, and I honestly think that has a lot to do with the Internet. The way we interact with the Internet, the way that we're all in each other's business with YouTube and blogs, we're just used to seeing humans, and that's what we're identifying with, seeing other humans. People are bored by the one-dimensional, 'Oh, he can do anything' hero because what's at stake then? What are they battling? We've seen so much of it up to this point that the one place that superheroes hadn't really gone, at least in film yet, is inward.

What works in Man of Steel is just the idea of taking the heroes off the pedestal and going, 'They're still … if not humans, then creatures. Creatures with struggles.' Because that's what people get wrapped up in, story and struggle and not just, 'Oh look, he's better than everyone else.' It's the idea that he's not better than everyone. And Superman has a lot of struggles in the movie, more so than just, 'Oh, he's got super powers and he beats the crap out of those guys and it's all going to be fine because he's indestructible.' People have seen that. You still want your healthy dose of action scenes, but then you want to identify with the characters."

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On the Web

For more Hardwick, go to nerdist.com

I feel also: Iron Man. HANDOUT

Me, feel, grr—Batman. HANDOUT

Who am I?

My superhero name … as thought of by Stan Lee

Metro World News reporter Anthony Johnston sat down with Stan Lee to talk about his prospects for being a superhero. Here's what happened:

Out of his visionary mind came the likes of Spider-Man and Iron Man, but could Lee create my superhero alter ego? After I listed my significant traits — Irish-born, just shy of six-foot-four, 275 pounds, and an encyclopedic knowledge (so my buddies claim) — Lee says, "You could be a Sherlock Holmes type of guy who knows almost everything. But it would be more visually exciting if we played up your size."

Now, for the name. "I am torn between the intellectual part, the strength part and the Irish part — you're a multi-heroic man. Oh, you're Multi-Man!" Lee exclaims.

"Sorry, Stan, there's a Multi-Man in DC Comics," I tell him. Reminding me how difficult it is to be original, he improvises. "Instead of Multi-Man, you could throw in another word in there: Multideed-Man, and hopefully nobody has that."

How to be a superhero

Preparation. No need for a brain to be all brawn

Bruce Banner (The Hulk) is an ingenious scientist, Peter Parker (Spider-Man) is a whiz kid at school — even billionaire playboy Tony Stark (Iron Man) is a brilliant engineer. So to be a superhero you need to be a genius or have a PhD, right? Wrong. "Captain America wasn't a PhD. Most of the X-Men didn't have great educations particularly," says Marvel man Stan Lee, creator of all of the above.

THE HULK

Background. The past is passé

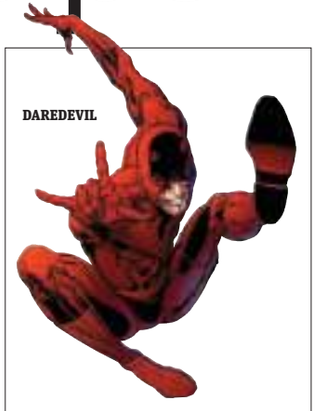
Some of our favourite superheroes brood over their dark past — Bruce Wayne (Batman) witnessed his parents' murder as a child, and Wolverine was a guinea pig in a secret government experiment that's mentally scarred him. Painful origins do make for an alluring character — so, would you embellish your own personal history to make your superhero stand out? "My advice would be forget the past," Lee says. "Think of the future, and think of all the good you can do with your superpower."

WOLVERINE

Name. Be original, somehow

He's been writing comic books for more than 70 years, has conjured up some 350 superheroes and villains, like Doctor Strange, but Lee still admits "coming up with a name is the most difficult part in creating a superhero. … When I come up with a new character, I'll come up with a name that I think is great, and then I Google it and I'll see 500 names just like that for other characters," he says.

DOCTOR STRANGE



DAREDEVIL

Traits. It's all down to Lady Luck

"The one attribute that everybody would want to have is luck," says Lee. "If you're a superhero and you're chasing a bad guy, you'll chase him because you're lucky. If he'll shoot at you, he'll miss because you're lucky," he says. (Daredevil, blind but heroic, comes to mind.) "Think of it as a beautiful woman, a spectral form of a ghost — she's not real, but every time she puts her arms around you, you become lucky."

Finishing touches. An apt outfit … and a fantastic catchphrase

Choosing the right costume depends on what superpower you possess, Lee reveals. "If you're going to be moving around a lot, something tight is the best. If your power is mental, you don't need a tight costume." And forget a histrionic, husky voice à la Batman. "The phrases a hero says are the things your audience will remember — if they're good." So, what would be a good one? "Look out behind you!" Lee cries. "Or there's another phrase of course: With great power comes great responsibility."

ANTHONY JOHNSTON, MWN

SPIDER-MAN

He may not be a baseball star, but Charlie Day's legs go on for days

Monsters University. Early audiences have warmed to Charlie Day's character in new animated film

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

As the furry purple oddball Art in Monsters University, Charlie Day walks away with nearly every scene he's in, which isn't surprising since his monster is mostly just a pair of legs with a face where the crotch would be.

Among early audiences, Art is fast becoming a favourite — or at least that's what people are telling Day.

"Well, people have been saying that to me, and I don't know what their ulterior motives are, but I appreciate it," Day tells Metro.

There is just something captivating about Art.
You know, he's a crazy guy. He's filled with the absurd non-sequiturs. He's positive, he's an optimist and he's been to jail. What's cooler than that? And then the best thing is you get to see what it would be like to be all legs. Legs for days, this guy.

How much were you involved in the design and development?
I did all the design myself. I did all the drawings, I did most of the movie (laughs). No, I did nothing. I did absolutely nothing. By the time I showed up here they had already animated a scene using lines from It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia with the character. I almost feel like they could've taken certain words that I've said from things and cobbled together the entire performance, but they were nice enough to let me do some of the work.

Charlie Day stars in Monsters University. It opens next Friday. GETTY IMAGES

What was your own college experience like?
I didn't go to as large a school (as Monsters University), and there wasn't really much Greek life on campus. I went to a school called Merrimack College in North Andover, Mass., about 20 minutes or so north of Boston. I had a lot of friends and met new people and got new ideas and became a better thinker and a more well-rounded person up there. I loved it.

Did you start off college with one idea of what you were going to do with your life and end up with another?
Yes. Well … I was a huge baseball guy growing up, as was everyone in my town. I was passionate about it, I worked really hard at it and I was half-way decent at it, but not ultimately good enough. And by college I realized that it's not going to go any further, and then I started dabbling in acting and the arts, and all that came much easier and more naturally to me (laughs).

Thriller

The Reluctant Fundamentalist

Director. Mira Nair

Stars. Riz Ahmed, Liev Schreiber, Kate Hudson

When Changez moves to the U.S. from Pakistan, he's got everything going for him: an Ivy League education, a beautiful girlfriend, a top job on Wall Street. And then 9/11 happens, and the Manhattan prince becomes a pariah virtually overnight. Mira Nair's The Reluctant Fundamentalist explores a character's reflections on a life thwarted by terrorism, and presents a rare, non-American perspective on the political and social fall-out from 9/11.

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True Blood stardom means free food perks

Rob Kazinsky. British actor joins cast and talks about experience of shooting U.S. series

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This season on True Blood, there's a new faerie in town with Rob Kazinsky's Ben Flynn, a supernatural love interest for Sookie Stackhouse (Anna Paquin).

The British actor is aware his introduction will likely rile some of the show's relationship-obsessed fans, but he's just happy to have a job that comes with free snacks.

So, any trepidation about coming on as a new love interest for Sookie?
I am 100 per cent certain that I am going to be absolutely hated by everyone. Team Eric's going to hate me, Team Bill's going to hate me, Team Alcide — they're all going to absolutely loathe this guy just because he's not them. And I am prepared for that backlash. However I think in time people will come to realize that Ben, for the first time, offers a chance at happiness that none of those guys could ever give her. He is essentially a much more honest and a much more accessible guy than everybody else. But that certainly doesn't mean he's boring.

How does this compare to your time on the British soap opera Eastenders?
Different worlds. Vastly different worlds. I did 254 episodes of Eastenders and averaged about 85 episodes a year, shooting anywhere between 30 and 50 pages of dialogue a day. And then this, we're doing 10 episodes a year, so it's a slightly different machine. (laughs) The whole way everything goes on here in America is very, very different to how it's run in England. The biggest difference to me is always craft services. Having free food on set is just the best thing that's ever happened to anybody ever.

Is craft service really not a thing in England?
For the BBC there's no such thing as crafty or free food. At Eastenders there wasn't, anyway. So having doughnuts on set? Wonderful. Fresh fruit all the time? Having a coffee machine instead of having to pay three pounds for your coffee every time you want one? Oh my God, it's great.

This is news to me. I feel like my only exposure to British TV production was Extras, which looked more in line with American setup.
I think that was the idea so that it would be universally sellable. I mean, my experience in England is fairly limited to the soap that I did and the one other TV show I did. The way they do it [in the U.S.], when I did Brothers and Sisters, Law & Order, everything, it's a much easier place to be off-set, you know what I mean? There's much more to do when you're not working.

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10 years ago, a little show called Canadian Idol was born

It was a decade ago this week that Canadian Idol debuted, and it was also something of a premiere for host Ben Mulroney.

Then only 27 and better-known to Canadians as the son of a former prime minister rather than a ubiquitous fixture of entertainment news coverage, Mulroney recalls watching the show's taped premiere at a friend's place with 10 or so others. Afterward, they hopped in a taxi and headed off to a midtown Toronto sports bar, and they were dropped off a small hike away.

"We had to walk about a block, and a car full of girls drove by and honked. And then two seconds later, a car full of guys drove by and heckled me," Mulroney recalled. "And I thought: 'OK. This is the new dynamic.'"

It wasn't only Mulroney's life that changed, of course.

Over its six-year run, Canadian Idol was fiercely criticized as a glorification of crass commercialism over artistry, as an uncreative (and un-Canadian) carbon copy of a hit international reality franchise and, eventually, as an ineffective star maker capable only of creating fleeting flashes rather than sustained heat.

While the debate has faded since the show was indefinitely "suspended" due to the chilly economic climate of 2008, those involved with its launch remember just how divisive Canadian Idol was.

"It was not a foregone conclusion it was going to be successful," recalled Mulroney.

"If you look at the jaded, cynical members of the press ... they were convinced this was not a Canadian thing to do. 'We don't do stuff like this. ... We don't celebrate the way that the Americans do.'

"And yet we proved them wrong. But we had to fight very hard against that sentiment."

Back in spring 2003, American Idol was flying high. Following the surprise-smash initial run of episodes in 2002, the show had just wrapped its must-see second-season. The show was so hot that even Justin Guarini appeared briefly marketable, with his debut solo record days from release when Canadian Idol launched.

The Idol format had already proved popular in various iterations around the world, but given the star-making turn from acidly acerbic British judge Simon Cowell on American Idol, it was obvious early on to executive producer John Brunton and his team at Insight Productions that assembling the judges would be crucial.

They settled on a four-person panel with three of those judges in familiar roles: husky-voiced belter Sass Jordan was the sympathetic, confidence-boosting artist on the panel (like an Earthbound Paula Abdul); promoter and manager Farley Flex was the forthright if generally positive industry insider — a la Randy Jackson; and entertainment lawyer Zack Werner was the Cowell-like outspoken bad boy, armed with a poison-tipped tongue and irreverent attitude toward the proceedings.

Jake Gold, the fourth judge who was best-known for steering the career of the Tragically Hip, among others, was blissfully free of any archetype.

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The look of choice on Queen Street West in Toronto Sunday night might well be Thierry Lasry shades and drop-crotch pants as music fans gather for the block party of the year. Crossover K-Pop sensation PSY is sharing hosting duties at MuchMusic's annual MMVA bash along with VJ's Scott Willats and Lauren Toyota. Remember the Gentleman singer's style code: "dress classy to dance cheesy." Set the mood with the Red Carpet special at 8 p.m. ET and then the party airs live on MuchMusic, and on Fuse in the U.S. at 9 p.m. ET. Here's five reasons why you should tune in, or even better, turn up!

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5 reasons to watch this year's MMVAs

Red carpet roll up

Arriving in style is a hallmark of the MMVAs. In past years we've had Billy Talent roll up atop a Second World War era Sherman Tank on loan from an Ontario museum, Simple Plan cruise up in a pink limousine with band members rocking short white shorts and midriff-baring tees, and Katy Perry serving up cool treats in an ice cream truck. When it comes to outlandish entrances, Marianas Trench, who leads the pack this year with six nomination nods, typically takes the cake. In past years, the Vancouver pop-rockers have come to the carpet in a hot tub, human-size hamster balls and even a mobile bouncy house.

Video of the year

This is the biggie. Could it go to nominations leader Marianas Trench for Desperate Measures, where frontman Josh Ramsay channels Tom Cruise circa Risky Business and Toy Story's Woody, or perhaps Drake reliving his coming up days and hamming it up at Shoppers Drug Mart in Started from the Bottom? The other contenders in the mix are Serena Ryder for Stompa, The Weeknd for Wicked Games, and Classified for Inner Ninja.

Taking to the stage

Artists leave it all on the stage at the MMVAs — from Avril Lavigne's cheek-revealing rendition of Complicated back in 2002 (which she had fun with the following year with some intentional mooning action) to Lady Gaga's electric medley a few years back that culminated with fireworks shooting out of her bustier. This year PSY, the master of cheesy dance moves, may treat us to the wild gyrations that accompany Gentleman, his viral smash — the video has more than 400 million YouTube views — or kick it relatively old school by social media standards with Gangnam Style. Regardless, the performance slate for the MMVAs is dripping with hot artists that will keep audiences moving. The lineup includes Demi Lovato, Armin Van Buuren featuring Trevor Guthrie, Ed Sheeran and Marianas Trench.

Billy Talent

The MMVAS have been kind to these Mississauga punk rockers in the past, feting them with 29 nominations and nine wins. But they may want to clear off some shelf space on the mantle. The video for Surprise Surprise is on the ballot in a trio of categories, so they're in spitting distance of surpassing Our Lady Peace's all-time record haul of 10 wins. Who is the queen of the MMVAs? Look no further than Avril Lavigne, who'll notch her fifth MMVA performance (the most of any artist) this year.

Handling hot hardware

Taylor Swift is sticking around town after a pair of sold out shows at the Rogers Centre to hand out an award. Among the presenters joining T-Swizzle in distributing MMVAs to their worthy recipients are a bevy of faces sure to illicit teen squeals when they take the stage: Teen Wolf's alpha heartthrob Tyler Hoechlin, Revenge's Joshua Bowman, Glee's Naya Rivera, Big Bang Theory's Kunal Nayyar, Arrow's Stephen Amell (pictured) and Suits' Patrick J. Adams, to name a few.

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Martinez may be French, but Berry will have a Yankee doodle boy

Halle Berry is having a boy, and she's having him in the States. At least that's what her fiancé, Olivier Martinez, let slip to People magazine. "My son will be an American, but I remain French,"

Martinez said during the Champs-Elysées Film Festival in Paris this week. "I remain a Frenchman in America, but I adapt to American culture. I feel good there — but I'm still a foreigner."

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The Word

Banal boat duty highlights redundancy of the Royals

ALEXANDRA CAVALLO
Metro World News

Evidence that the Royals are just redundant figureheads: one super important royal duty that the Duchess of Cambridge Kate Middleton had to take care of recently included blessing the newest ship in the Princess Cruises fleet.

The only woman capable of such a lofty task, the very pregnant Kate apparently smashed a giant champagne bottle on the cruise ship's helm in order to officially christen it "Royal Princess."

She then said "I name this ship Royal Princess. May God bless her and all who sail in her."

David Cameron must have been off on some sort of other really important business, because we find it hard to believe he would shirk a crucial political event like this of his own volition.

Take tatt! Styles and Bieber appear to be in an ink war

Harry Styles

One Direction's Harry Styles is giving Justin Bieber a run for his money when it comes to accumulating body art. It's tough to say which 19-year-old pop star has more body art at this point, but Styles is at least being a bit bolder with his references: The Brit showed off a pair of George Michael-inspired ankle tattoos while out in Miami this week, according to the Daily Mail. Just above each foot, Styles has the words "Never gonna dance again" inscribed, referencing a lyric from the 1984 Wham! hit Careless Whisper. Your move, Bieber.

Twitter

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I am appalled that the government is snooping on me - this must stop! On the other hand, when someone is watching it does make it hotter.

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The steak house comes to dad this Father's Day

Dinner. Cook this twist on the Batman and Robin of manly fare — steak and potatoes

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ingredients

- 4 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 medium russet potatoes, peeled and coarsely grated, preferably using the grating disk of a food processor
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 1 medium shallot, minced
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp dry white wine
- 2 tsp dried tarragon
- 6 oz 1/3-less fat cream cheese (Neufchatel)
- 1 1/2 lbs flank steak, trimmed of any visible fat
- 1 1/2 lbs baby spinach leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 tsp chopped fresh tarragon

1. Heat the oven to 350 F.

2. In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high, heat 1 tablespoon of the oil. Add the grated potatoes, pressing them down with a spatula, then reduce the heat to medium and cook until golden brown on the bottom, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove the skillet from the heat. Set a large dinner plate over the skillet, then invert to transfer the potatoes, browned side up, onto the plate.

3. Return the skillet to the heat and add another 1/2 tablespoon of oil. Slide the potatoes back into the skillet, browned side up. Cook until golden brown on the second side, about another 10 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, then transfer to a sheet pan and place in the oven to keep warm.

4. Meanwhile, in a small saucepan over medium-high, combine the shallot, vinegar, white wine, tarragon, a hefty pinch of salt and a few grinds of pepper. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat to simmer. Cook gently until reduced to about 1 tablespoon. Add the cream cheese, 1 tablespoon at a time, whisking each until incorporated. Whisk in 2 tablespoons water, then set aside.

5. Wipe out the skillet, add 1 tablespoon of the remaining oil and heat it over medium-high. Pat the steak dry, sprinkle it on both sides with salt and pepper, then add it to the skillet. Cook the steak to desired doneness, 4 to 5 minutes per side for medium rare, then transfer it to a platter, cover it loosely with foil and let it rest for 5 minutes.

6. While the steak is resting, add a tablespoon of the oil to the skillet and reduce the heat to medium. Add the spinach in 4 batches, adding more as each batch cooks down slightly. Add the remaining 1/2 tablespoon of oil after the first 2 batches of spinach. Cook until the spinach is just wilted, then add the garlic and salt and pepper to taste. Cook for another minute, then keep warm on low heat.

7. Remove the potato pancake from the oven and cut it into 6 wedges. Slice the steak thinly at an angle against the grain. Add the juices from the resting steak to the sauce along with the fresh tarragon, and additional water, if necessary, to reach the desired consistency. Warm the sauce over medium heat just until hot.

8. Transfer a potato wedge, a mound of spinach and some of the steak to each of 6 serving plates. Drizzle the sauce over each portion of steak and serve immediately. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ SARA MOULTON, AUTHOR OF THREE COOKBOOKS, INCLUDING SARA MOULTON'S EVERYDAY FAMILY DINNERS.**

Liquid Assets

A glass of inspiration

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One of my resolutions for 2013 was to barbecue better. I've spent too many years tossing burgers on the grill and turning back to my glass while they slowly turn into charcoal.

For inspiration, I've looked to Argentina. It's a country where grilling is more than a cooking philosophy, it's a way of life.

While beef is king at an asado, the Argentinean term for barbecue, a typical grilled menu can cover a number of courses featuring a variety of meat cuts including organs that Canadians find an acquired taste. Chitlins anyone?

Nothing washes down all that protein better than a glass of red wine, which is one of the reasons why malbec is the star of Argentina's wine industry.

The grape produces deep, dark wines with varying levels of spiciness that pair perfectly with accretive flavours (like those found in barbecue sauces) and helps massage the meat.

Bodegas Catena Zapata is one of the country's most celebrated vineyards. Its 2011 Alamos Malbec ($13.95 to $14.99) is a balanced red with ripe berry fruit and a flowing black pepper trail.

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Brushing your pooch makes it look polished and pretty. But it has many more benefits.

It keeps your dog's coat free of tangles, matts and debris and removes old and shedding hair. It also gives you the opportunity to do a little doggie bonding and helps you learn about your dog's body — you can look and feel for lumps, cuts or scabs, as well as fleas and ticks. Note that this summer, the word is that ticks are out in full force, so be on the lookout.

Make brushing a positive experience for you and your dog by doing it regularly. The dog will get used to it, you will get good at it and there won't be an opportunity for tangles and matts to get out of control and make the process uncomfortable and lengthy.

"Start with a part down the backbone, so you know you're getting all the layers of hair," says Amy Graham, a PetSmart groomer and salon manager in Stoney Creek, Ont. Systematically, move from section to section to ensure you are getting all areas.

"Keep an eye on the dog's skin — if it appears red, he may be getting a brush burn."

Remember to brush gently, confining your brushing to the hair and not the skin as much as possible, especially in sensitive areas.

If you are using a deshedding tool on a shedding breed, "simply run the tool over the dog's coat to remove excess hair."

If the job gets too difficult for you to handle easily it may be time to take your dog for professional grooming.

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THE RIGHT TOOLS FOR A HEALTHY COAT

- For double-coated breeds with thick undercoats like collies or collies or chow chows, choose a deshedding tool like a Furminator.
- For long-coated dogs without undercoats, such as poodles, use a slicker brush with short, pin-like bristles and a comb to check for knots and tangles.
- Short-haired dogs like boxers or bulldogs can be brushed with a rubber brush, or use a Furminator if you are trying to help reduce shedding."
- Also have some detangling spray on hand to help with tangles.

MANAGE YOUR DOG'S SHEDDING

In summer, shedding is nature's way of ridding a dog's body of the old, excess hair they grew during winter to insulate their bodies. Shedding also eliminates hair that might be damaged. Pet owners know that cleaning up a dog's shedding hair comes with the territory. Even hypoallergenic dogs like poodles shed a little. But there are ways to reduce shedding and remove hair effectively.

GIVE YOUR PET A BRUSH

Brushing your dog on a regular basis is one of the best ways to reduce hair in your home.

"While all breeds need to be brushed, it's especially important in summer for long-haired breeds with undercoats like golden retrievers, malamutes and huskies to help reduce shedding and cool the dog in summer," says Amy Graham, a groomer and salon manager with PetSmart in Stoney Creek, Ont.

Depending on the breed of your dog, brush at least three times a week — dogs with lots of excess hair will benefit from daily brushing.

BATHE YOUR DOG

This is easier for short-haired breeds without thick undercoats like pugs or labs.

"If your dog is matted or has a thick undercoat, bathing may only make the matting worse or make it difficult to rinse out the shampoo, which is bad for the skin," Graham says. "Leave the tough jobs like these to a groomer."

GET YOUR DOG GROOMED

"Groomers have professional-strength blow dryers and tools to make the job more efficient," Graham says. "A groomer's blow dryer is so strong that it loosens the undercoat, and the groomer can brush during the drying process, something that can't be done easily at home."

Long-coated dogs should go to the groomer every four to six weeks; short-coated dogs every six to eight weeks.

FEED YOUR DOG THE RIGHT DIET

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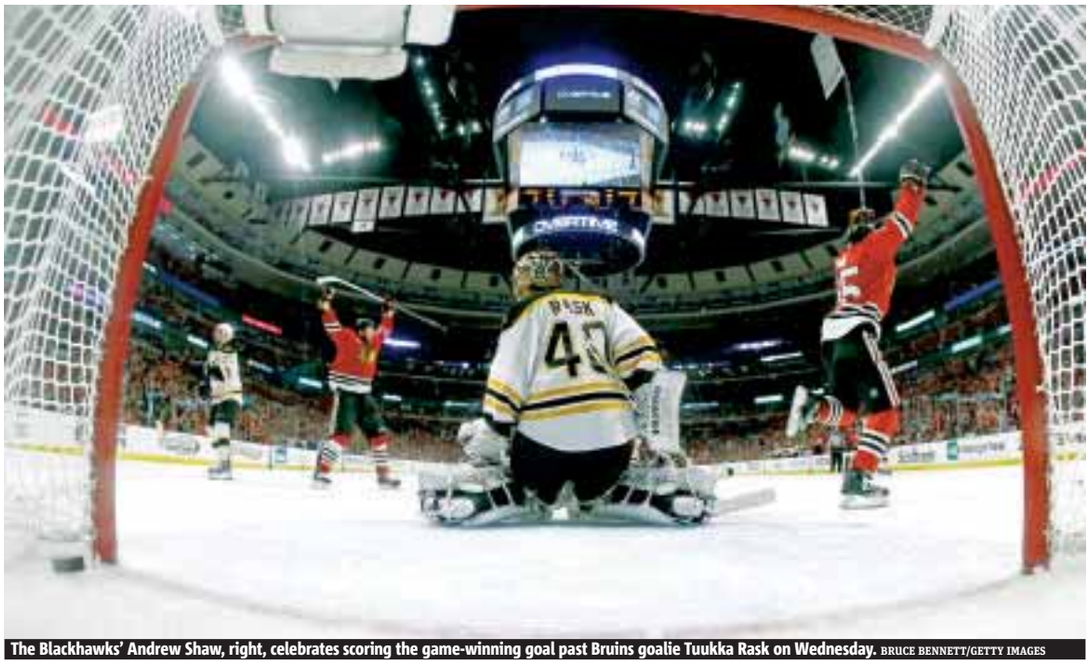

The Blackhawks' Andrew Shaw, right, celebrates scoring the game-winning goal past Bruins goalie Tuukka Rask on Wednesday. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

Bruins not fazed by 3OT loss in Game 1

Stanley Cup final. Boston and its veterans drawing from experience gained in 2011 playoff run

Boston coach Claude Julien isn't worried because the Bruins have been here before.

Even after a triple-overtime loss to Chicago in Game 1 of the Stanley Cup final that would demoralize the most veteran of groups, the Bruins are calm and confident.

"We've been through a lot," Julien said. "You can chalk that down to experience of having been through a lot, the ups and downs. So we don't get rattled anymore. We know what we can do."

Julien recalled trailing the Vancouver Canucks 2-1 in the 2011 final before coming back to win in seven. He also pointed out that the Bruins lost the first two games to the Montreal Canadiens at home in the first round two years ago.

"I think you've had experience in the past when we've been down two games and bounced back," centre Chris Kelly said. "Being here before and knowing what to expect is definitely beneficial."

So climbing out of a hole is nothing new for Boston, which still has most of its team intact but might have to play Game 2 on Saturday without right-winger Nathan Horton, who left Wednesday night with an apparent upper-body injury.

With or without Horton, the Bruins have plenty of leaders who know the drill.

"Vancouver it was everybody's kind (of) first time around, right?" defenceman Andrew Ference said. "So you lose those couple games (it's) maybe a heavier feeling than it is this morning amongst the group because guys are probably a little bit better at turning the page." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anyone's game

"We could be sitting here today up 1-0 as much as we are down 1-0."

Bruins coach Claude Julien brushed off Game 1's winning goal as a "hockey play."

The survey says

Canadians back NHL's visor rule, poll finds

A new poll suggests a majority of Canadians support the NHL's decision to make visors mandatory for incoming players.

Four out of five people surveyed in a Canadian Press Harris-Decima poll said they agreed with the new proposal.

Some 52 per cent strongly agreed with the new rule, which still needs to be approved by the NHL board of governors, while 28 per cent somewhat agreed.

Only eight per cent disagreed with the change. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

Stars prospect Winkler dead at 23

Dallas Stars prospect Scott Winkler has died in his home country of Norway after recently completing his senior season at Colorado College. He was 23.

School officials said in a news release that Winkler died unexpectedly Wednesday at his parents' home. The native of Asker, Norway, was a third-round pick by the Stars in 2008.

And the Edmonton Oilers say they have been unable to confirm reports that one of the team's prospects is missing and has possibly drowned. The Oilers put out a statement Thursday saying they were aware of reports Kristians Pelss was unaccounted for in his home country, Latvia, but were unable to confirm conflicting information in that country's media. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pens GM staying the course with core group

The Penguins have agreed to terms with Evgeni Malkin on an eight-year, $76-million contract extension. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The Pittsburgh Penguins could have blown it all up.

Swept out of the Stanley Cup playoffs in the Eastern Conference final by the Boston Bruins, speculation swirled about the futures of coach Dan Bylsma, superstar Evgeni Malkin and goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury.

Amid calls for action, general manager Ray Shero got busy after the Penguins were ousted. But his moves have been the opposite of a complete overhaul.

"It's easy to change," Shero said Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

Shero extended Bylsma and his assistants' contracts two years through the 2015-16 season, gave Fleury a vote of confidence as the team's franchise goaltender and then Thursday agreed to terms with Malkin on an eight-year, $76-million contract extension that could keep him with the Penguins for the balance of his NHL career. It was the equivalent of doubling-down on what has worked so well for years, even though it didn't end well in the playoffs.

"I think Ray believes in the core group that he has, and he believes he can win with them," Malkin's agent, J.P. Barry, said in a phone interview. "They made the final four this year, again, and they had a bad round, for sure. But I think he believes in this core and he wants to stay the course and believes his team can win. That's ultimately what his assessment was." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Turban ban now costing kids games

Soccer. Quebec tournament loses 20 out-of-province teams due to sanctions

The shunning of Quebec soccer has begun.

Hundreds of Ontarians won't be going to Montreal for a soccer tournament this weekend, amid a political dispute between the Quebec and national soccer bodies over turbans.

The Montreal host association confirmed Thursday that 20 Ontario youth teams are not being allowed to come to play.

An official with the Lac St-Louis Regional Soccer Association said about 170 teams, mostly from Montreal area, were invited to take part in the weekend tournament.

Director-general Edouard St-Lo says Ontario teams are not being allowed to take part because they can't get travel permits from the Ontario Soccer Association.

"Why they revoked their permit? I can't tell you," St-Lo said when reached by telephone.

This week, the Canadian Soccer Association suspended the Quebec Soccer Federation over its turban ban.

The suspension includes prohibiting Quebec teams from participating in — or hosting — interprovincial matches and national competitions.

The dispute has drawn in numerous politicians and placed different value systems on a collision course.

The current Parti Quebecois government, critics of laissez-faire multiculturalism, are defending the right to banish certain displays of religious faith from the public space in the name of secularism.

The PQ has placed its support behind the QSF. And in an echo of the intergovernmental disputes that frequently typify Canadian federalism, Premier Pauline Marois has argued that the national association has no right to tell the provincial one what to do.

But the national body argues that it is indeed the authority and its decisions are binding on provincial associations.

Even the Quebec federation's bylaws debunk the premier's claim. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rule enforcement

"You may go to any field and not see any kid with a turban and then you might get a game where there are two or three... So far we've been able to get along, regardless of the ruling, and we haven't had any issues."

Fern da Silva, president of the Pierrefonds Soccer Association. Da Silva said in an interview that he doesn't agree with the ban on turbans and the association suggests it will do its best to ignore the Quebec federation's order.

Sandman hangs 10 in Oakland

Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees is presented with a surfboard, a bottle of wine and a cheque for his foundation by Athletics team president Michael Crowley before his final regular-season game against Oakland on Thursday. ERZA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Zimmerman does damage to depleted Rockies

Ryan Zimmerman homered, doubled and drove in three runs, Ian Desmond got four hits and the Washington Nationals beat the depleted Colorado Rockies 5-4 on Thursday.

The Rockies lost four players and a coach, as well as the rubber match of the three-game series.

Outfielders Carlos Gonzalez and Dexter Fowler were injured early and shortstop Troy Tulowitzki left for an undisclosed reason in the eighth. Reliever Wilton Lopez and pitching coach Jim Wright were ejected in the seventh. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman GETTY IMAGES

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Good things are sure to come your way today but exactly what kind of good things remains to be seen. You may well benefit from something you hear, maybe when you should not have been listening.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Anyone who tries to make you feel you have done something wrong is not a friend and best avoided. Your mood is positive, so it's unlikely you will be too fazed.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will sail through what has to be done today. You will find ways to overcome obstacles placed in your path. Gemini is one of the more adaptable signs of the zodiac, and that works in your favour.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You have much to think about today and you need to make sure you are not interrupted by people whose problems are, to your mind at least, rather trivial. Find a quiet corner where you can think in peace.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
What appeared so difficult yesterday will suddenly be the easiest thing. Chances are it wasn't actually that difficult at all. You were just in an unnecessarily negative frame of mind.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Stop worrying what others might think and do what you feel is right. Sometimes you can be a bit too analytical for your own good, so switch and let your heart guide you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may have to tell someone that you cannot deliver on what you promised. Chances are they won't mind in the slightest. It seems like they didn't want you to do it.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
The solution to a problem is simplicity but you are unlikely to see it if you are so convinced there has been an injustice. Calm down, it's really not that important.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Stop panicking and trust your instincts. If you listen to the small voice inside your head you will find a way out of your dilemma. It's amazing what a bit of perspective can do.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
People you work with may do things you don't approve of today but in the greater scheme of things it's no big deal. By all means laugh when they discover they've made fools of themselves.

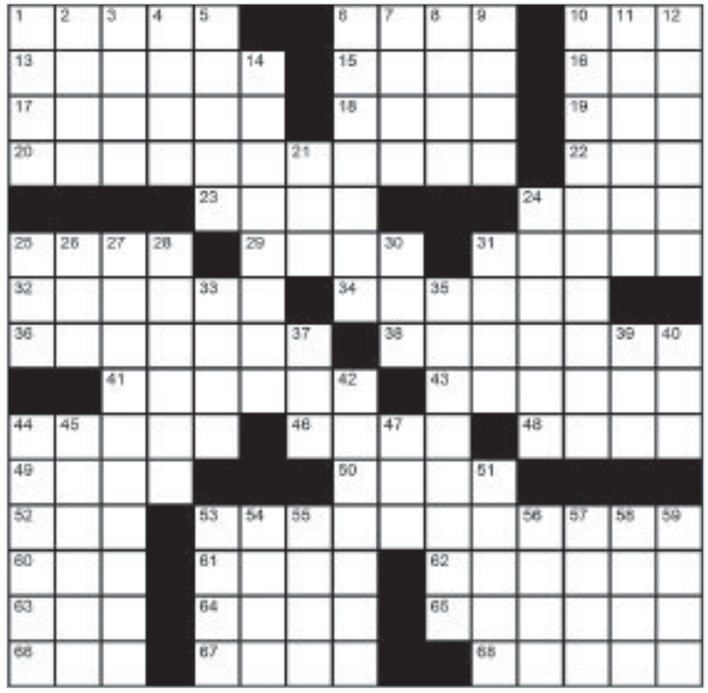
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
With both Mars and Jupiter moving through the most dynamic area of your chart, you are full of confidence and eager to show what you can do. So, what can you do? Absolutely anything you like.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
What happens today will encourage you to believe that the good days are on their way back but that is not an invitation to do something stupid. Keep your goal in mind at all times, and keep moving towards it. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

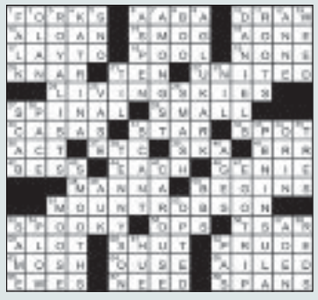
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. "Man of __" (2013)
6. Up to it
10. __ alai
13. Column
15. Rosary piece
16. Bear: Spanish
17. "I think that's _ __ too light." (Paint chooser's comment, perhaps)
18. __-Flush
19. Halt
20. Newspaper for Metropolis: 2 wds.
22. Kind of whale
23. Flower pot stuff
24. "Star Trek II: The Wrath of __" (1982)
25. Last letters
29. Rivers: Spanish
31. Finger holes instrument
32. Morning meal
34. Some trees
36. Slanders
38. Superman's home planet
41. Toughens
43. Restaurant
44. Slopes or tilted positions
46. Fashion designer Mr. Jacobs
48. "...there __ __ square."
49. Mr. Onassis, et al.
50. "I'm tired!"
52. Dalmatian's doc
53. The English, in Quebec
60. "Take __, _ insist."
61. Salami shop
62. Capital of Albania
63. Toilet, British-style
64. Full moon, some say
65. Position
66. Mr. Chaney Jr.
67. Tune
68. Someone __ (Not mine)

Down
1. WWI fighter plane
2. "'__ _ lovely play." ...said the Shakespeare fan
3. School grades K-12, for short
4. Airline of Israel: 2 wds.
5. PEI's provincial flower, __ Slipper
6. Biblical son of King David
7. Lima __
8. Lois __ (Character in #1-Across)
9. Change
10. Superman creators, Jerry Siegel ...and this Toronto-born cartoonist: 2 wds.
11. Equally spic-and-span: 2 wds.
12. Medicine cabinet stuff for wounds
14. Clark Kent's job
21. Gladiator's 52
24. Compulsive thief, in slang
25. General __ (Villain in #1-Across)
26. Scot's uncle
27. Canadian game show Jim Perry hosted
28. Inclines
30. Cinch__ (Hefty garbage bag)
31. "Go ___ _ kite!"
33. Australian birds
35. Rules of conduct
37. Academic year div.
39. Ball shape
40. 'The Science Guy', Bill __
42. Young tree
44. Henry __, star of #1-Across
45. Retort to "Am not!": 2 wds.
47. Greek†alphabet letter
51. Editor-in-Chief of #20-Across, Perry __
53. Big fusses
54. Captain __ (Character created by writer Jules Verne)
55. Oakville, ON: __ Abbey Golf Club
56. __-B (Toothbrush brand)
57. Grannies
58. 'Exist' suffix
59. Convenient mailing encls.

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	8	2	1	6	7	4	5	9
7	6	5	9	4	3	1	2	8
1	4	9	8	5	2	3	6	7
2	1	4	7	3	6	9	8	5
5	3	6	4	8	9	7	1	2
8	9	7	2	1	5	6	4	3
4	2	8	3	7	1	5	9	6
6	7	1	5	9	8	2	3	4
9	5	3	6	2	4	8	7	1

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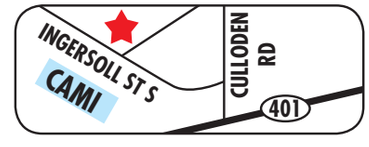

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